

Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council

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Minutes

Date: October 18, 2019

Time: Called to order at 9:00 am

Location: City of Auburn, City Hall
1225 Lincoln Way, Room #10
Auburn CA. 95603

1. Call to Order:

Attendance: Kevin Hanley, Daniel Berlant, Kathy Baxter, Richard Hadley, Keri Askew Bailey, Bob Snyder and Frank Udvarhely. Absent: Danielle Hardesty.

Guests: Chief Dave Spencer, Cynthia Haynes, Luana Dowling, Jane Wurst, Steven Hawks, Mary Eldridge, Marvin Curry, Kris Paolini, Heidi Rietjens, Pat Dusterholft, Marilyn Festersen, Jenny Johnson, John Hutchings, Jon Anacker.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Kevin requested that an item be added to the agenda - that GAAFSC consider applying for the CA Fire Foundation Prevention Funding. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The 9/20/19 minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment:** None.

5. Strategic Plan Implementation:

- a. Home Hardening. CALFIRE Deputy Chief Steven Hawks presented on home hardening.
- b. Supporting More Fuel Reduction by Union Pacific (UP). Discussed potential ways to pressure UP to do a more thorough job in removing fuel in their railroad track right-of-ways to enhance the safety of Grand Oaks residents and all neighborhoods within GAAFSC in which UP runs railroad tracks.
- c. Expansion of the Auburn Shaded Fuel Break ASFB). Discussed the Bureau of Reclamations recent decision to expand the ASFB from 300 feet wide to 600 feet wide, acreage expansion from 300 to 550.
- d. Letter to Insurance Commissioner. Motion passed to defer this item to a future agenda.
- e. Grant Application. GAAFSC approved applying for the CA Fire Foundation Prevention Funding to allow GAAFSC to expand its education outreach to homeowners.

6. Agency and Stakeholder Reports:

- A. Auburn Fire. Chief Spencer reported on defensible space inspections
- B. Fire Alliance & Firewise. Luana discussed upcoming grants and that each fire safe council will have a page on the county OES website.
- C. CALFIRE. Mary reported on defensible space inspections and education efforts.

7. **Roundtable:** None.

8. Adjourned at 10:40AM